Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 31 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 at 16:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for the northward extent of rain on Friday. High for mild and very windy conditions to start New Year. Increasing confidence in a colder regime developing early next week from the north.

Headline for Friday 31 Dec 2021: Mainly dry with light winds. Perhaps some rain in south.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	10%	20%	10%	10%	10%	50%

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021

Weather: Mainly dry and rather cloudy with a few bright or clear intervals and just the odd light shower. Outbreaks of rain and summit sleet may affect Skye, Glen Shiel and Knoydart for a time during the morning. Outbreaks of rain spread north during the evening with strengthening southerly winds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Mainly good. Some patchy low cloud above 600m and perhaps a few km in rain in the south. Areas of cloud developing above 400m during the evening.

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Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/27 SW	14/17 SW	10/13 N	9/12 NE	8/11 NE	13/19 SE	17/24 SE	23/30 SE	20/27 SE
900	20/26 SW	13/17 SW	9/12 N	9/13 NE	8/11 NE	13/18 SE	17/24 SE	20/27 SE	19/25 SE
600	14/20 SW	8/12 SW	6/8 NW	5/9 NE	5/9 NE	11/16 E	14/21 SE	16/22 SE	14/20 SE
300	4/18 SW	2/11 SW	3/9 N	5/11 N	4/10 NE	8/16 NE	8/18 E	5/17 E	5/16 E
Glen	4/11 SW	2/5 NE	3/6 N	7/11 NE	6/9 N	9/14 NE	10/17 E	9/17 SE	9/16 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	3/-3	2/-2	2/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-4	1/-4	1/-5	2/-3
900	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	3/-2
600	5/1	5/2	5/2	4/2	4/2	4/1	4/0	4/0	5/1
300	7/6	6/6	6/5	6/4	6/4	5/2	4/2	5/3	5/4
Glen	9/8	9/8	8/7	8/6	8/7	8/6	8/5	9/6	9/7
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1500m	1700m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A day of settled weather but note the deteriorating conditions during the evening with low cloud and strengthening winds.

Forecast for Saturday 01 Jan 2022

Weather: Storm force winds making progress very difficult on high slopes. A spell of heavy rain overnight and early morning then bright spells and occasional blustery showers, some heavy and possibly thundery. Showers turning wintry on the Munro tops later.

Maximum wind: Southeast 30mph increasing South or Southwest 40 to 50mph with gusts 75mph by morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first, becoming 70%.

Visibility: Poor at first with areas of cloud above 500m. Becoming mainly good but poor in showers with patchy cloud down to 500m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 12C.
At 800m: Plus 4 or 5C.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1100m in evening.

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